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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Questions asking me what assessment I have "...made of the impact of the Government's decision to prioritise health spending less aggressively than England in the years before the Covid-19 pandemic, despite receiving 15% more funding, as outlined by the Chief Scientific Officer for Health in the 'NHS in the 10+ years' report".

The figures quoted from the 'NHS in the 10+ years' report are drawn from Nuffield research as is the characterisation of spending decisions. As a Government, we have been clear on the benefits of taking a wider approach to Health and Social Care expenditure.

A Healthier Wales focuses on an integrated health and social care system whereby a community focus on prevention ensures people only access hospital services when necessary. Our strategic approach addresses the key determinants to health under 26 actions and means spend across health and social care is not directly comparable to spend in England.

Yours sincerely,

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